

## WEARING KNEE BREECHES.

Chicago Tailors Think the Latest Dude Craze May Work West.

Chicago News.

Will the fashionable youth of Chicago ever adopt knee-breeches? is that what you want to know? said a prominent tailor on Dearborn street the other evening. "Well, it is hard to tell. If they do it in other places, you can be sure that they will in Chicago, and you can be equally certain that Chicago will never lead the fashion in that or any other matter that pertains to men's dress.

How are fashions started?

In various ways. They are generally a gradual growth. We copy New York, and people there copy London, and where London gets some of its styles it would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to tell.

Now you see, said the ninth part of a man, throwing aside the tape-line he held in his hands and setting down to an earnest talk about a thing he was evidently interested in, fashions of clothes, be they men's or women's, are a matter of imitation. You see a suit of clothes on the street which you like, or which every one else is wearing, and you come in and tell me to make one like it. Well, that other fellow probably got his idea the same way, and the question is, who first originated the idea of that particular cut?

Don't tailors do it?

Bless you, no. We encourage all styles, because every time the fashion changes ultra fashionable men—the kind you fellows call "dudes"—immediately order new suits, and so it makes business better. But we don't start the fashions. In order to do that we would have to get men to first appear dressed in clothes of our new design; and in order to make them take we would have to have them worn on men who are acknowledged leaders, of tip-top social standing, whom other men are glad to copy. Take these tight pants everybody is wearing now. If a man whom nobody knew was to have appeared first in a pair of these skin-tights all would have laughed at him, but if they first appear in public encasing the slender legs of some society leader, they at once become the rage. There are two reasons for this. All men a little below him in social standing are glad to copy him, and has a reputation for always wearing the proper thing. Other men suppose that because he does it it must be right.

But you are wandering from the subject.

Am I? Oh, you wanted to know about knee-breeches. Well, as I said before, we get our fashions primarily from England. We have no men in this country who can absolutely set a particular style, or if they can they have not the nerve to try. The days have gone by in England when a Beau Brummel could make a new thing popular by simply wearing it, but there are men there who can introduce any thing they want, if they stick to it. The Prince of Wales is the first gentleman in England, but he has got too old now to care about such things, and the Prince Albert coat will probably be his last contribution to the tailor art. In New York there are numerous club men who think much about dress, but while they have the position and ability to introduce new fashions, they lack the nerve. They shine forth in neckwear novelties once in a while, and it is said that the present ministerial close collar, that is now so much worn, is the product of Freddie Gebhardt's mighty intellect; but they don't dare tackle new kinds of clothes.

"Now, knee-breeches would be a decided novelty. Of course, they have been worn a good deal by rowing, walking and other men engaged in athletic sports, but those men are generally well formed and not afraid to display their limbs. The dude is different. Oftimes he is so slim that his calves are a beautiful mystery, and if he is large in size he is so flabby from lack of exercise that his legs lack all shape and form. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule in the east, where a dude is oftimes a man well up in boating, lawn tennis, and other active sports. The western dude, however, knows nothing of all this, and is a dude simply because he can be nothing else.

Now, in order to introduce anything so novel as knee breeches in the face of the opposition it is sure to evoke, there would have to be a concerted action on the part of a good many men. I see that in New York the fashion of wearing them with dress coats is being agitated, and if that is done their adoption for street wear is sure to follow, although it would be a matter of considerable time—several years—before they would come into general use. Of course they would be a good thing. They are more comfortable, allow of greater activity, and are more easily kept in good condition than the pantaloons we now wear; but as I said before, it

is a radical change, and will take time.

How would they be as regards expense?

Oh, about the same as the pantaloons. The breeches would cost less, but there would be the increased cost for hosiery. Some men, of course, would indulge in very extravagant silk stockings and run the cost up much higher, but those men never take cost into consideration.

Would not some men be glad of the change?

Of course they would. Men of good form and figure would jump at it. You see, if we adopt knee-breeches we would also have to change the style of coats so as to more clearly show the figure, and there are lots of men who are vain as women about their forms. It would not be so hard on the slim men either. Go to any actress and she will tell you that the proper application of a little cotton padding will make a well-formed leg out of a broom-handle. She will tell you where you can have it done, too. Oh, knee-breeches would encourage lots of infant industries.

## HAD MET BEFORE

The Mutual Recognition of a Divorced Couple at the Seaside.

Atlantic City Cor. Chicago Tribune.

At the Waverly the other day, as it is reported, a man from St. Louis was introduced to a woman in New York, and though he did not remember her name her face seemed familiar. He told her so, and, after more conversation, he was more and more confident he had met her before. He drubbed his memory for some time, to no purpose, and finally concluded that it was an accidental resemblance to some forgotten friend. When he had said this, she laughed, and remarked: "You are right in your surmises. You have met me before. I used to be a friend of yours."

He—Indeed? Where have we met?

She—At the altar.

He—At the altar? What altar?

She—The nuptial altar?

He—Abuse.

She—Yes; it may have been abuse but it is a fact, nevertheless. Don't you know me? I used to be your wife.

He—But your name is Mrs. Simpkins.

She—Yes; Simpkins is the name of my last husband.

He—How many husbands have you had?

She—Since I left you?

He—Yes; since I left you.

She—Only three.

He—Your hair was black when—when we concluded to dissolve.

Now it is yellow.

She—Dye!

He—You were formerly slight. Now you look rather—rather—stout.

She—So I am. I weigh 170 pounds, and am rapidly increasing. Simpkins doesn't worry me as much as you did. Content makes flesh. Anything more?

He—Your face is prettier than I remember it. Your complexion is improved.

She—Glad you appreciate my art. No woman of the world has any excuse for being plain. Good looks are purchasable now-a-days.

He—You are an extraordinary woman.

She—Not at all. I am only a woman of the day. Now let me question you awhile?

Have you been married again?

He—Yes.

She—How many times?

He—Twice.

She—Are you a husband now?

He—No; I am a widower.

She—What a pity?

He—It is sad.

She—I don't mean that. I mean that it is a pity you were deprived of fun of getting another divorce. I like it, don't you? Are you engaged again?

He—Not yet. In fact, my last wife died only a month ago. Some respect must be paid.

She—Very true. But don't be in haste. Keep disengaged a while longer, Simpkins is in Egypt. They have the cholera there, you know, very badly. No one can tell what may happen. I shall have letters from Egypt in three days. Wait a little. We might agree better next time.

Where is Webb?

Buffalo, July 24.—Interest in the fate of Capt. Webb is unabated. The belief is almost general that he perished in the whirlpool. His manager telegraphed Mrs. Webb to-day: "Poor Matt not turned up. Hope to find him before morning." Mr. Kyle said possibly Webb was alive in some inaccessible place. Bets are said to have been made that he is alive and one gentleman said he believed it was a dummy that went down the rapids. Webb will be found somewhere below the whirlpool. Eye witnesses attempt to insist that there is no grounds for such talk, and hope that he is alive.

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## A STRANGE AFFAIR.

A Divorced Wife Married With Her Husband's Blessing.

The Atlantic City Review relates an actual occurrence at that bathing resort of the meeting of three persons who had been intimately connected in their former lives, ending in the marriage of two long-parted lovers. The heroine, Mary B. Donoghue, ten years ago, when only sixteen years of age, was the belle of a Virginia village. While at the White Sulphur Springs, five years ago, she was persuaded by her mother to marry a young Austrian, named Frascati, whose debts and dissipations had driven him from home to America. Two years ago her only child died, and a divorce procured her a release from the cruelty of a brutal husband. Since then she had seen neither her husband, whom she never loved, nor the lover who fled the country on her ill-fated marriage. Among the throng on Sunday gazing out upon the ocean from the porch of the New Inlet house, by a strange irony, were the two men—Frascati, the Austrian drunkard, the divorced husband, on one side of his former wife; John Saunders, the lover who had grown sick with longing for a face not now twenty feet away—yet each unconscious of the other's presence. Driven no doubt, to despair by remorse and penury, Frascati wandered away along the shore. When he plunged in he did not know whether he could swim out, or whether he would drown his sorrows once for all, and find a grave beneath the waves. But a woman's startled shriek rang shrilly over the evening air; his own wife had seen his wild leap, all ignorant that this was the man who had wrecked a young life. Her accents touched a chord no other voice had ever waked in Saunders' heart. He rushed toward the spot from which it seemed to come, and dragged Frascati dripping from the water. A mutual and triangular recognition followed, and there, in the presence of the man who always loved her, Mary Donoghue's divorced husband knelt and prayed her forgiveness. At the quiet marriage which took place the same evening in the house of the Atlantic City clergyman, Saunders was joined for life to the woman he had always loved. Frascati witnessed the ceremony, but how was the minister to know that the divorced and erring husband thus ratified the marriage of his own former wife to the man who had saved his life? How stranger, after all, is truth than fiction; how true it is that all things come to those who wait.

## THE STORY OF TWO WOMEN.

A Peculiar Divorce Case on Trial at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Grand Rapids, (Mich.) Democrat.

In the Kent Circuit court Thursday afternoon, before Judge Russell, of Hart, the trial of a divorce case was commenced that is of a sensational nature, both of its own circumstances and the connection that it has to a case lately dismissed by Judge Arnold in the Ottawa Circuit court.

In 1867 Mrs. Sarah M. Sturdivant, who had for many years lived with her husband in Chester township, Ottawa county, was declared insane by Judge Tate, on the petition of her husband, and sent to the Kalamazoo asylum, where she yet remains. In his petition for removal to an asylum he recited many deeds of cruelty which she had committed, and said that on several occasions she had threatened his life with a butcher-knife and in other ways that made her a dangerous person to be at large. Sturdivant returned to his farm where he had several sons and daughters. On April 11 last he appeared before the Ottawa Circuit court praying for a divorce from his wife. He had secured the services of Judge Hoyt, of this city, and obtained an order to have the testimony taken in this city before Commissioner Follett, which was done. In this petition he alleges that his wife was a woman of feeble mind living in Kalamazoo; that she had treated him with great cruelty and had threatened to kill him with a butcher-knife. One of the witnesses before Commissioner Follett, was one McGinnis, who testified to the same instances that he had done in the trial as to her sanity. County Clerk Turner was appointed guardian ad litem to defend the suit. Judge Tate, by whom the woman had been committed to the asylum, heard of the case and informed the defending attorney of the circumstances. The files of the court were brought into service, and it was found that the acts of cruelty alleged were committed by Mrs. Sturdivant while insane and were some of the identical acts by which that insanity was established; and that the alleged desertion was caused by her being placed in the Kalamazoo insane asylum on the

petition of her husband. Judge Arnold thereupon dismissed the case. Judge Hoyt, Sturdivant's attorney, expressed surprise at the developments and declined to continue it further. Thus it ended.

Last Christmas the wife of Giles B. Shaw left her home in Chester and came to this city to live, and six days after the filing of the above bill for divorce she applied for a divorce from Mr. Shaw. For twenty years past the farms of Sturdivant and Shaw have joined on the back corners of Chester township, which is just over the line in Ottawa county from Sparta. The families have been intimate, and since Mrs. Sturdivant's residence at the asylum her husband has been a frequent caller at Shaw's house. In the bill of complaint made by Mrs. Shaw she alleges cruelty and drunkenness on her husband's part as the cause of her leaving him and the petition for the divorce. Mr. Shaw in his answer denies the imputations, and alleges that his wife deserted her home on last Christmas with the aid of Sturdivant; that the goods which she took with her were loaded by Sturdivant's son on a wagon owned by his father, and that after they had left the house Sturdivant joined them; that his wife had committed adultery with Sturdivant, and that the whole affair was a scheme in which each was to get a divorce and go away together; that since she came to this city she has lived near Reed's Lake road, beyond East street, with her two daughters and two sons of Sturdivant, and that the latter has spent intervals of time during the winter at the house. The opening of the case proved attractive for a large attendance of those interested in the contending parties.

## Vital Questions.

Ask the most eminent physician. Of any school, what is that is the best thing in the world for quieting and allaying all irritation of the nerves and curing all forms of nervous complaints, giving natural, childlike refreshing sleep always. And they will tell you unhesitatingly "Some form of Hops!"

## CHAPTER I.

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